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noun [C]

a flat surface sticking out from an object, which is used to fix it to something or to make it stronger:

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flange [flanj] (plural flang-es)

noun

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[Late 17th century. Origin uncertain: perhaps a variant of *flanch* "device at the side of an escutcheon." The current meaning evolved via "protruding rim" from "part that widens out."]

- flanged *adjective*

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